

## Mary Mills

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**From:** Mary Mills  
**Sent:** Friday, June 24, 2016 1:05 PM  
**To:** 'Tony Webster'  
**Subject:** RE: Feb. 11, 2016 Data Practices Act Request - Litigation Preservation Demand

Mr. Webster,

This email will serve as the official reply to your email data request dated Wednesday, June 1, 2016, which contained follow-up questions to the reply provided to you on May 31, 2016, following receipt of documents requested from North St. Paul.

The questions you asked as we understand them are answered as follows:

- North St. Paul Police Department (NSPPD) does not have/maintain any ALPR logs for the period August through December 2015.
- The Minnesota License Plate Data File contains FBI and Minnesota license plate-related Hot File data. The FBI Hot File records represent all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. The file also contains license plate-related data on MN DVS registered vehicles. Minnesota Hot Files is a database and central repository maintained by the BCA. The NCIC is run and maintained by the FBI.
- No "hits" are listed in the logs as due to the actual geographical size of the City of North St. Paul, NSPPD officers have not been able to successfully confirm any "hits" and relocate the vehicles. The same would apply to why there are no other data listed in logs other than ALPR "reads."
- NSPPD has only two (2) officers who have operated ALPR. It has not been used on a routine or regular basis; mostly due to technical problems and/or not properly functioning. Currently, it is not in use. There is no target date for if or when it may be put back into operation.

Thank you.

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## Tom Lauth

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**From:** Tom Lauth  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2018 4:07 PM  
**To:** 'Maren Bardal'  
**Subject:** RE: Legislative Commission on Data Practices Request for Information  
**Attachments:** 20180913\_NSPPD\_ALPR\_1.jpg; 20180913\_NSPPD\_ALPR\_2.jpg

Good Afternoon Maren Bardal,

From what I can determine, it would appear that we took possession of one (1) ALPR unit under a multi-agency grant with Ramsey County, sometime between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014, but have been unable to locate an exact date. We did have one (1) Officer go to training to learn how to operate the ALPR and we had one (1) squad set up for it to operate on. Unfortunately, that Officer left our Department for another in August of 2014, and apparently hadn't been able to get the ALPR to operate or function properly. We later attempted to get the ALPR to operate/function again in 2016 with two different Officers with assistance from the vendor, Vigilant Solutions. Again, we were unable to get the unit to operate or function properly. The squad we had set up for the ALPR cycled-out (retired mid-2016). As we were going with different vehicles at that point, coupled with that we had operational issues, we have not set up any of our other squads for use with an ALPR. The ALPR unit currently sits in its original case, in a secure storage room at North St. Paul PD (I have attached a couple of current photos). We are a small agency and we just don't have the personnel or geography to make it work or be effective. We do not have any plans to ever put it back into service, it is basically a very large paper weight.

If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

Respectfully,

*Tom Lauth*

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**From:** Maren Bardal [mailto:Maren.Bardal@lcc.leg.mn]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2018 1:51 PM  
**To:** Tom Lauth <Tom.Lauth@northstpaul.org>  
**Subject:** Legislative Commission on Data Practices Request for Information

Good Afternoon Chief Lauth,

My name is Maren Bardal. I am the Researcher for the Legislative Commission on Data Practices (LCDP). I sent you an e-mail on January 24, 2018 requesting the approximate date/month the North St. Paul Police Department began possessing, using, or installing ALPRs. However, I have not received a response. I will forward you my original e-mail.

It is a requirement under 13.824 subd. 6 that North St. Paul submit an ALPR audit every two years. However, in order to determine the audit deadlines, the LCDP needs to know when each law enforcement agency began possessing, using, or installing their ALPRs. If you could please respond to this e-mail with the approximate date the North St. Paul Police Department began possessing, using, or installing ALPRs, it would be appreciated. If you have any question, feel free to contact me at either [maren.bardal@lcc.leg.mn](mailto:maren.bardal@lcc.leg.mn) or 651-296-8432.

Thank you,

Maren Bardal

## Tom Lauth

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**From:** Maren Bardal <Maren.Bardal@lcc.leg.mn>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2018 1:51 PM  
**To:** Tom Lauth  
**Subject:** FW: ALPR Possession Date

**From:** Maren Bardal  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2018 1:34 PM  
**To:** tom.lauth@northstpaul.org  
**Subject:** ALPR Possession Date

Good Afternoon Officer Lauth,

My name is Maren Bardal. I am the Research Assistant for the Legislative Commission on Data Practices (LCDP). As you know, under MN Stat. 13.824 subd. 6, every law enforcement agency possessing Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) is required to submit a copy of their biennial audit to the LCDP. However, it has come to the Commission's attention that because audit deadlines are dependent on when each agency began possessing ALPRs, there has been some confusion over actual submission deadlines. Additionally, the varying and inconsistent deadlines make it difficult for the LCDP to manage and maintain the ALPR audits it has received or should have received. In an attempt to address these issues, the LCDP is requesting information on the date each agency began possessing, installing, and/or using ALPRs.

If you could please respond to this e-mail with the approximate date the North St. Paul Police Department began possessing, installing, or using ALPRs, it would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about this request, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

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